Conditions for the use of the Commerzbank International Corporate Portal (the “Portal”)

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1. Scope of Service
(1) The corporate customer (the “Customer”) and its legal representatives as well as other persons entitled to represent the Customer (together the “Authorised Persons”) may use the Portal to retrieve information and execute banking transactions (together the “Services”) via the Portal offered by Commerzbank AG including its foreign branches as applicable (the “Bank”). The execution of a Service shall be subject to the particular terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Service (for example, Terms and Conditions FX Live Trader).
(2) The Customer and its Authorised Persons shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Users”. The Account and deposit shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Account”, unless specified otherwise.
(3) The Customer and the Bank may agree on special limits for certain types of services.

2. Requirements for the use of the Portal
(1) In order to retrieve information and / or execute banking transactions via the Portal, each User must have authenticated himself/herself to the Bank.
(2) Authentication is the procedure by means of which the User’s identity can be verified, including the use of the authentication elements as described below. Each User may agree with the Bank which authentication element he/she is to use. The agreed authentication elements enable the User to identify himself/herself to the Bank as an authorised User and use the Portal for the Services requested by the User within the scope offered. Authentication elements are
  • knowledge elements (something only the User knows, e.g. personal password)
  • possession elements (something only the User has, e.g. mobile devices)
  • inherent elements (something associated to the User fingerprints as a biometric credential).

3. Access to the Portal
(1) The User is allowed to access the Portal, if
  • the User has entered his/her login name and password,
  • the User has entered the PIN from the authentication element requested by the Bank, and
  • the access has not been blocked (see No. 9.1 and 10 of these Conditions).
(2) After access to the Portal has been granted, the User can use the Services agreed between the Customer and the Bank retrieve information or execute banking transactions in accordance with No. 4 of these Conditions.

4. Execution of Orders
(1) Dependent on the particular terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Service, the User must authorise an order placed via the Portal (for example, entering a PIN from an authentication app).
(2) The revocability of an order shall be subject to the particular terms and conditions applicable for the relevant Service. Orders can only be revoked outside the Portal, unless the Bank expressly provides for a revocation option in the Portal.

5. Processing of orders by the Bank
(1) Orders placed via the Portal shall be processed in accordance with the particular terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Service (for example, executions via FX Live Trader).
(2) The Bank will execute orders if the following pre-conditions are met:
  • the User has authorised the order (see No. 4.1. of these Conditions),
  • the User’s authorisation for the relevant order type (for example, FX Live Trader order) has been verified,
  • the data format for the agreed order type is adhered to,
  • the limit agreed for the order type has not been exceeded, and
  • additional execution conditions as per the particular terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Service (e.g. sufficient funds in the account) are met.
If the pre-conditions for execution pursuant to sentence 1 are met, the Bank shall execute the order as per the particular terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Service.

(3) If the pre-conditions for execution pursuant to paragraph (2) sentence 1 are not met, the Bank shall not execute the order. The Bank will inform the User about the non-execution of the order and, as far as possible, about the reasons for the non-execution and the means by which the errors that led to the rejection can be corrected. This shall not apply if the statement of reasons is in breach of any other legal provisions.

6. Customer information about issued orders
The Bank shall notify the Customer of the orders made via the Portal at least once a month by the means agreed for account and deposit information and in accordance with the particular terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Service.

7. Duties of the Customer / User

7.1. Protecting authentication elements
(1) Each User shall be obliged to establish the technical connection to the Portal only via the Portal access channels (for example Internet address) notified by the Bank separately. The Customer shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate data backup for his/her own systems and for taking sufficient precautions against harmful software (for example virus, trojans). Apps of the Bank may only be obtained from app providers which the Bank has notified to the Customer. The Customer shall take responsibility for complying with the country-specific provisions for the use of the Internet.

(2) Each User must take all necessary precautions to protect the authentication elements (see no. 2 of these Conditions) against unauthorised access to prevent the misuse or unauthorised use of the Services offered via the Portal.

(3) In order to protect the authentication elements, the User must observe the following:

a. Knowledge elements, e.g. passwords, must be kept secret by the User; in particular they must
   • not be communicated verbally
   • not be transmitted outside the Portal (for instance, forwarded by email)
   • not be stored electronically
   • not be stored as a written note together with a device that serves as a possession element (for example, mobile device).

b. Possession elements, such as a mobile device, must be protected against misuse by the User, in particular
   • it must be ensured that unauthorised persons cannot access the mobile device of the User
   • it must be ensured that unauthorised persons cannot access the authentication app used to access the Portal on the mobile device
   • the authentication app on the User’s mobile device must be deactivated before ownership of this mobile device is lost (for example by selling or disposing off the mobile phone).

• the evidence of the possession element must not be forwarded outside the Portal verbally or in text form
• the User who has received a password from the Bank to activate the possession element must safeguard this from unauthorised access.

7.2. Security notices from the Bank / Security of the Customer System
The User must adhere to the security instructions on the Bank’s website, in particular, the measures to protect the hardware and software used, and install up-to-date, state-of-the-art virus protection and firewall systems. In particular, the operating system and the security measures of the mobile device must not be modified or deactivated.

7.3. Other obligations of the Customer
The Customer shall ensure fully and prompt compliance with these Conditions by each User and any other person engaged by the Customer in connection with the Services contemplated herein.

8. Encryption technology abroad
The online access provided by the Bank may not be used in countries in which restrictions on the use, import and/or export of encryption technologies apply. If necessary, the User shall arrange for the required approvals, notifications or other necessary measures. The User shall inform the Bank in writing of any prohibitions, authorisation and notification obligations of which he/she becomes aware.

9. Notification and information duties

9.1. Blocking request
(1) If the User discovers, the loss or theft of an authentication element, the misuse, or any other unauthorised use of his/her authentication element, the User shall

   • notify the Bank thereof immediately (blocking request), or submit such a blocking request at any time via the separately notified communication channels,
   • report every theft or misuse of an authentication element immediately to the police.
(2) If the User suspects unauthorised or fraudulent use of one authentication element, they must also submit a blocking request without undue delay.

9.2. Notification of unauthorised or incorrectly executed orders
The Customer shall notify the Bank as soon as he/she detects an unauthorised or incorrectly executed order.

10. Blocking of access

10.1. Block of access at the request of the User
At the request of the User, in particular in the event of a blocking request pursuant to no 9.1 of these Conditions, the Bank will block:
- the Portal access for that User, and if the Customer so demands, the access for all Users or
- the User’s authentication element to use the Portal.

10.2. Blocking of access at the request of the Bank
(1) The Bank may block the Portal access for a User if:
- the Bank is entitled to terminate this agreement for good cause,
- this is justified due to objective reasons in connection with the authentication elements of the User,
- there is suspicion of unauthorised or fraudulent use of the authentication elements,
- the personal password has been entered incorrectly three times in a row, or
- the PIN has been entered incorrectly five times in a row.
(2) The Bank shall inform the Customer in text form or by telephone, stating the relevant reasons, if possible before the blocking, but at the latest immediately after the blocking. Reasons may not be given if the Bank would breach legal obligations.

10.3. Unblocking of access
The Bank will unblock the access if the reasons for blocking the access are no longer applicable. The Bank will notify the Customer of this without delay.

11. Liability

11.1. Liability of the Customer for unauthorized dispositions or transactions before a blocking request is made
(1) If unauthorised dispositions or transactions within the scope of the agreed Services (for example, FX transactions) prior to the blocking request are based on the use of a lost, stolen or mislaid authentication element or on any other misuse of an authentication element, the Customer shall be liable for the loss incurred by the Bank if the loss, theft, other misappropriation or other misuse of the authentication element is the User’s fault.
(2) The Customer shall also be liable if he/she has not carefully selected a User nominated by him/her and/or has not regularly checked compliance with the User’s obligations under these Conditions. If the Bank has contributed to the occurrence of a loss through culpable conduct, the principles of contributory negligence shall determine the extent to which the Customer and the Bank must bear the loss.

11.2. Liability of the Bank in case of execution of an unauthorised order and/or an order not executed, executed incorrectly or executed late
The liability of the Bank when executing an unauthorised order and/or an order that is not executed, executed incorrectly or too late shall be governed by the particular terms and conditions applicable for the relevant Service.

11.3. Liability as of the blocking request
As soon as the Bank has received a blocking request from a User, it shall assume all losses incurred thereafter as a result of unauthorised dispositions or transactions within the scope of agreed Services. This does not apply if the User has acted fraudulently.

11.4. Disclaimer
Liability claims are excluded if the circumstances giving rise to a claim are based on an unusual and unforeseeable event over which the party invoking this event has no control and the consequences of which could not have been avoided by it despite the exercise of due care.
12. Availability
The Bank shall strive to keep the Services offered via the Portal available as comprehensively as possible. This does not imply a guaranteed availability. In particular, technical problems, maintenance work and network problems (for example unavailability of third-party servers) over which the Bank has no control, may cause temporary disruptions that prevent access.

13. Links to third-party websites
If the Internet page provides access to third-party websites, this is only done in order to allow the Customer and User easier access to information on the Internet. The contents of such websites shall not constitute internal statements by the Bank and are not reviewed by the Bank.

14. Rights of use
The Customer is not permitted to place links or frame links on its websites without the Bank’s prior written consent. The Customer undertakes to use the websites of the Bank and their content only for its own purposes. In particular, the Customer is not entitled to make the content available to third parties, to embed it in other products or processes or to decrypt the source code of the individual websites without the Bank’s prior written consent. References to the rights of the Bank or third parties may not be removed or made unrecognisable. The Customer shall not use trademarks, domain names and other distinctive signs of the Bank or third parties without the Bank’s prior written consent. Pursuant to these Conditions, the Customer shall not be granted any irrevocable, exclusive and transferable rights of use.

15. Help desk
The Bank will set up a help desk to process technical, operational or functional questions regarding the services provided. The help desk will be available on banking days applicable to the German banking industry. Contact options shall be communicated by the normal information channels.

16. Miscellaneous
(1) In the interest of proper cooperation, the Bank hereby reserves the right to make changes of a technical or organisational nature, based on a general, standard modification in technical standards, in specifications applicable to the banking industry or in legal or regulatory provisions. With regard to significant technical or organisational modifications beyond this, having a significant impact on the rights and obligations of the Customer or of the Bank, the Bank shall notify the Customer of such modifications at least two months before the proposed date on which the modifications are to go into effect. The Customer’s consent shall be deemed granted if he/she has not communicated his/her rejection within two months of receipt of the notification.

(2) The Portal is operated in Germany and the use of the Portal is subject to German law. The place of jurisdiction for all legal disputes arising in connection with agreement is Frankfurt/Main, Germany. The foregoing notwithstanding and in accordance with No. 1.1 of these Conditions, legal disputes arising in connection with the agreed Services via the Portal are subject to the particular terms and conditions applicable to such Services. In these events such terms and conditions shall take precedence over these Conditions.

(3) Should these Conditions contain a provision which is invalid or unenforceable, this shall not affect the legal validity of the remaining provisions. In such a case, the Customer and the Bank undertake to agree on a valid or feasible provision which corresponds as far as possible to the spirit and purpose of the provision to be supplemented or replaced.